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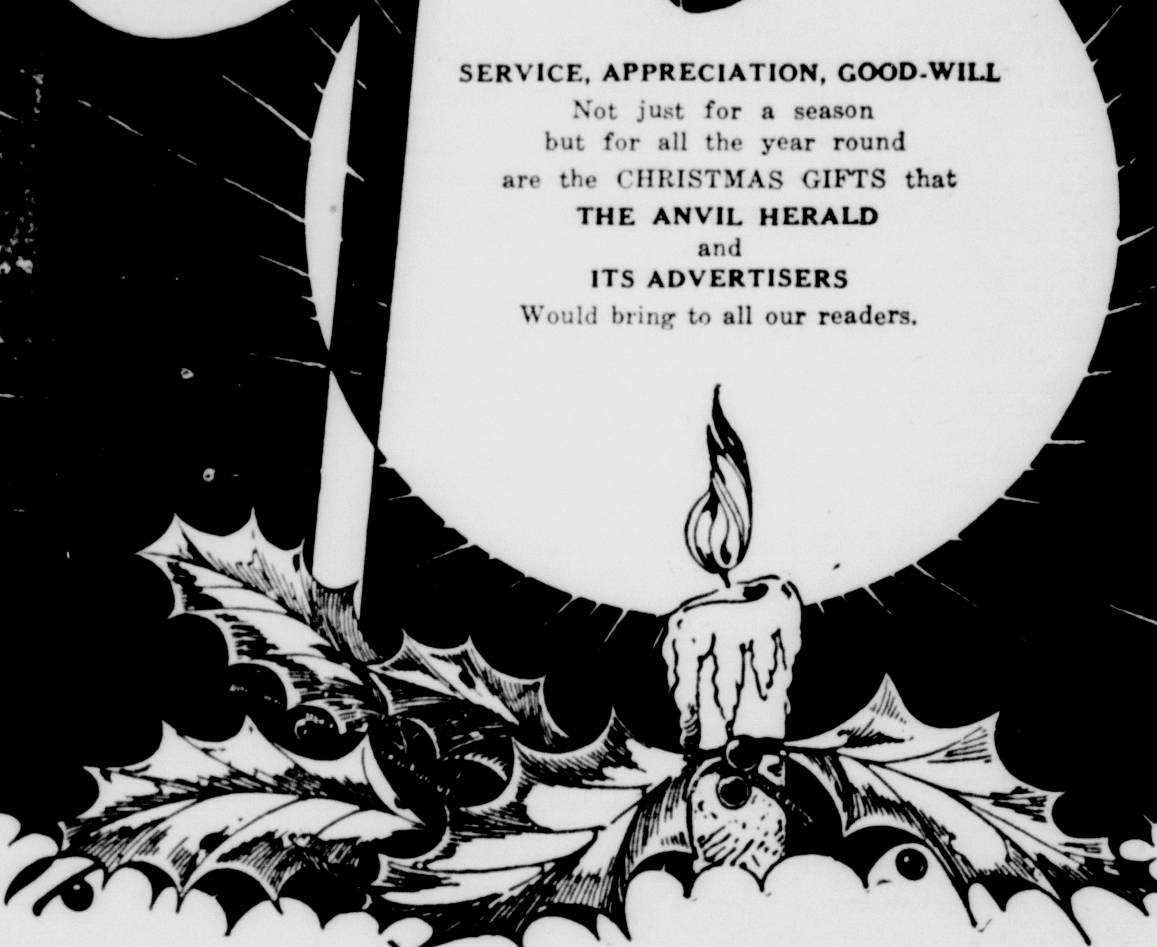
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CHRISTMAS

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Not just for a season
but for all the year round
are the CHRISTMAS GIFTS that
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ITS ADVERTISERS
Would bring to all our readers.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Sarah Mizelle Morgan

Old Mandy stuck her white capped head in the doorway of the living room where Julie Prentice sat knitting before an open fireplace. Oak logs burned in a low blue-gold flame that spread a pleasant warmth about the room.

"Oh Miss Julie," she said, "A man at de do' wants to know can he take yo' order fo' a Christmas tree?" Mandy waited hopefully.

Julie Prentice looked up from her knitting. "No," she said slowly, "no, I haven't any need for a Christmas tree."

Mandy hesitated a moment as though expecting her mistress to change her mind. "Yas'm," she said finally.

Mandy brought in the morning mail and handed it to Julie. Then she stood silent a moment before she ventured half apologetically:

"Scuse me, Miss Julie, but you knows I've been wid you a long time now. I nursed you and I birthed your chillun so I feels free to 'spress mahself. Miss Julie, I sho hates to see you wid dis here unnatu'ness. Honey, tain't right."

"Unnatu'ness?" Julie eyed her questioningly. "What unnatu'ness Mandy?"

"Losin' de spirit ob Christmas," Mandy explained quickly. "Dis house used to bile over wid joy at Christmas time. Now I kin heah its ghost a walkin'. You know, Miss Julie, de Lawd meant Christmas to be a time ob celebratin' and 'thiasm. But you and Marse Jim done drap dat spirit some place."

A shadow crossed Julie's face. "But Christmas doesn't mean much to me any more Mandy," she replied. "I don't get out of it what I did when the children were here. Now that they're gone," Julie sighed. "The children made Christmas, Mandy," Julie said.

"You is wrong, Miss Julie," Mandy argued. "It's de spirit what makes it. You put plenty ob spirit in it when dey was here; dat's what makes de difference. But you sho can't get spirit out ob somepin' lessen you puts some spirit in it. 'Sides I've loosin' my magic in bakin'." Mandy grinned. "Tain't natu'l, honey; tain't natu'l".

Mandy shook her head sadly as she shuffled away.

Julie sighed. Mandy was right she had lost the spirit of Christmas. She didn't know exactly when or how. It seemed to have come about so gradually she was almost unconscious of it. For years now she and Jim had spent Christmas in a quiet, unexcited way. No Christmas tree, no elaborate preparations. They just exchanged their gifts with a prefatory "Merry Xmas".

Christmas had come to mean mostly, just another holiday to be lived through.

Unconsciously, Julie's thoughts flew back to other Christmases. The Christmases old Mandy remembered. Christmases when the children were still at home.

For weeks before she would prepare with vibrant enthusiasm for Christmas. Fruit cakes had to be baked, cookies and candy made so they could send a box of sweets to absent friends and relatives. Gifts were bought and cards to mail, perhaps a hundred or more.

Then there was the undercurrent of excitement on Christmas eve when everyone slipped in a package to be put under the big tree. Each one vied with the other for "Christmas Eve gift" on one another, which meant an extra gift for the lucky one.

Then there were the carolers. Julie smiled as she remembered one Christmas eve long after they had gone to bed, the carolers had stopped outside their gate to sing. She and Jim had slipped on their robes and hurried downstairs to invite them in for cookies and cocoa. They hadn't known half of them but what matter, it was Christmas.

Then on Christmas morning the gathering of the family, excited and eager to open the many gifts on the big tree. And later, the rounds to all their friends and neighbors to see their gifts and to take gifts to some from their own tree. Finally, Christmas dinner with the dining table stretched to its full length, spread with the white linen cloth and napkins and set with heirloom china and silverware. There would be a big turkey which Jim would carve with skill. And mountains of dressing and all

the other goodies which Mandy's capable hands could prepare. And always, as many as could be seated around the laden table.

Now, she and Jim usually went out somewhere for Christmas dinner or had a quiet meal at home.

The children had gone, one by one. Getting together at Christmas now was out of the question.

Jim junior and his family doing missionary work in war-torn China. Teaching the native children the meaning of Christmas. They hadn't been home in five years. Ted, a foreign newspaper correspondent.

Julie remembered the first Christmas after they had gone and how she had prepared eagerly the packages for each one and mailed it early. She had planned a tree; only a smaller one, of course. And on Christmas eve had put out her best scarfs and placed sprigs of mistletoe and holly around. Jim had come home and said: "It's too bad you've gone to so much trouble, Julie, when there won't be anyone here to see it."

At first she had been shocked. Then suddenly she remembered that there wouldn't be anyone. Most of their guests at Christmas had been friends of the children. It had not occurred to her that she could have asked others this time.

"With the children gone I guess Christmas won't be Christmas anymore," Jim had added a little sadly.

After that, her interest and enthusiasm began to wane. Each year her gift list grew shorter. Cards gradually fell off to business associates of Jim's and a few close friends. Julie remembered now the mere two dozen that lay on her desk waiting to be addressed and mailed, a task she no longer entered into with interest. Even the carolers never stopped to sing any more. Why even her packages to the children were fast becoming a routine matter, even though they were packed with love and prayers for their health and happiness.

Julie shuddered at this realization. "God forbid!" she whispered aloud.

A twinge of loneliness surged through her. Mandy was right. It wasn't natural. A longing swept over her for the joy of the old Christmases. She wanted it back again.

TO YOU

MY SONG—

COULD I BUT SING

TO YOU—NO SWEETER WISH

THAN THIS COULD BRING TO YOU—MERRY CHRISTMAS!

—FLETCHER DAVIS.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SUNDAY AT METHODIST CHURCH

The young matrons of the Circle No. 2, Women's Society of Christian Service, will present an appropriate Christmas program at 7 P. M. Sunday night, December 22, in the Methodist Church of Hondo. Hymns and Carols will make up the program and Mrs. R. C. Rath will be the accompanist. The program is as follows:

Opening Hymn No. 96, "O Come Ye Faithful".
Prayer—Bro. Davis; Response 596, Choir.

Hymn No. 92, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear".
Special song—Choir.

Program—A Service of Dedication.

Leader—Mrs. A. H. Schweers, assisted by Mesdames Homer Hansen, Bruno Schweers, Alford Weber, Welton Meyer, Frank Schweers, Eddie Breiten and Horace Schweers.

Prayer Song—Choir; Response prayer, Mrs. A. H. Schweers.

Duet, hymn, "List to the Voice"—Mrs. Homer Hansen and Mrs. Horace Schweers.

Hymn No. 89, "Joy to the World".

Announcements; offering.

Hymn No. 98, "There's a Song in the Air".

Benediction—Bro. Davis.

Song, "Silent Night".

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Theme: "The Incarnation of Christ".
Preaching service at 11:00 A. M. Subject: "The Three Greatest Days in History".

B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 P. M.

The Christmas Story in Scripture and Songs at 7:00 P. M. A special Christmas musical and program.

Christmas program and tree Tuesday, Dec 24, at 7:00 P. M.

But could she bring it back?

It was worth trying Julie decided as she quickly formulated her plans.

With Christmas only ten days away there would be no time to bake fruit cake. But still time for date loaf, candy and cookies. She could buy some fruit cake for once. "Only ten days and so much to do," Julie said aloud.

It was Christmas eve and in Julie Prentice's living room was a Christmas tree. The biggest one she had been able to find. Julie worked busily trimming it with tinsel, soap-flake snow and colored lights. The decorations were a bit lusterless from long storage in the attic, but decorations just the same. One thing new she had bought. A shiny new star of Bethlehem which gleamed from the top-most branch near the ceiling.

There were gifts to be tied on for every guest who would sit around their long table on the morrow. Boys and girls from the university who lived too far away to go home for Christmas; the young couple down the street who couldn't go home because they were saving for a baby in the spring. And . . . Julie brushed away a tear as she thought . . . a neighbor and her husband who were having their first Christmas without their children.

In the kitchen old Mandy bustled about, humming gaily as she worked. Tomorrow she could add her part to reviving the spirit of Christmas through her culinary art.

In the pantry was a full supply of candy and cookies for the carolers. "Oh let them come tonight," Julie prayed silently as she tied the last gift on the tree and stood back to admire her efforts.

Just then Jim's slow step sounded on the porch. Julie wondered how he would take the surprise. She hadn't mentioned her plans to him.

He opened the door, then stopped. "Why, Julie!" he exclaimed in surprise. For one brief moment Julie saw the old gleam spring to his eyes and light his face. Then it was gone. Without waiting for her explanation he said: "It's beautiful, Julie. Just like the old times. Too bad there's no one to enjoy it."

"Oh but there will be," Julie answered quickly, naming their guests. I wanted to see, dear, if you wanted the old Christmases back as badly as I did."

The old gleam returned to Jim's face as he took her in his arms and kissed her tenderly.

Julie and Jim sat quietly together before the open fireplace, the oak logs long since burned into coals, cast a faint glow about the room. And from the ceiling the Star of Bethlehem caught up and reflected back upon them the soft golden glow.

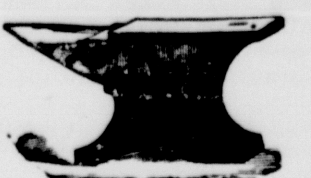
All that remained of the cookies and candy were the crumb stained plates on the kitchen table; the empty cocoa cups scattered carelessly about. A sight old Mandy would welcome in the morning.

In the distance they could hear the carolers as they went joyously on their way. Echoes drifted back "Silent Night . . . Holy Night" "O Little Town of Bethlehem" . . .

Julie understood now why Christmas hadn't meant anything to her. And Christmas after all hadn't been the children. No wonder she had lost put any spirit into it so she couldn't take any out.

Jim broke in on her reverie, a new ring in his own voice. "Merry Christmas, Julie!"

Julie looked up at the little clock on the mantle. Three A. M. "So it is!" She laughed happily. "Merry Christmas!" she echoed joyously and meant it. For in her heart there lived again—The Spirit of Christmas.



SPARKS

Being News, Views and Reviews
by the
Managing Editor



This is Christmas!
The gladdest season of all the year!

It is the gladdest because it is then that animosities are most nearly forgotten.

It is then that the spirit of good-will most prevails.

And had the gentle Nazarene, whose nativity the day seeks to honor, brought no other promise to a suffering humanity than the assurance of peace to men of good-will his mission of goodness and mercy would not have been in vain.

Had he set no other moral standard whereby man is to be guided, in his search for "peace", he still would have set man a task to challenge his noblest endeavor.

Man's "peace" is the fruit of man's own endeavor to attain "good-will" in his behavior to other men.
As he achieves good-will, hatreds shrivel and die, animosities are forgotten, vindictiveness departs—wars could be no more!

And there's this song in every heart:

"Glory to God in the highest;
on earth peace to men of good-will."

And THIS IS Christmas!

We most cordially invite all members, friends, and visitors to attend and enjoy these services. Come and bring others with you.

We extend the Season's Greetings to all our friends and neighbors in Hondo and the surrounding territory. We wish for each of you a joyous Christmas and a healthful happy, and prosperous New Year. May God's richest blessings be yours.

IRA V. GARRISON,
Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

10 A. M. "Witnesses to the Virgin Birth of Jesus the Christ".

11 A. M. Church School; classes for all ages. The Men's Bible Class will meet in the old Auditorium.

7 P. M. the young matrons of Circle No. 2, W. S. C. S., will have charge of the evening program. An hour of Christmas hymns and carols.

Monday evening at 7 o'clock the Sunday School will give their Christmas Program.

After Thursday evening, the 19th, drive by and see the Christmas decorations at the church. Outside it is something different, the Shepherd scene and the Manger scene. Two large paintings, lighted up, with life-size Mary and Babe. You won't have to get out of your car as it is all outside.

R. F. DAVIS,
Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 22: Sunday school at 9:30 and German services at 10:30. Speech practice Saturday afternoon at 2:00. All children participating in the program are expected to be present.

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) at 7:00: Children's Christmas program.

Christmas Day (Dec. 25) at 10:00: Services with Holy Communion.

PAUL CZERKUS,
Pastor.

PROGRAM AT NEW FOUNTAIN

The New Fountain Methodist Church will have its Christmas Program on the 24th of December at 7:00 o'clock P. M. Everyone is welcome.

FOR SALE

Bedroom furniture for child: Bed, night table, chiffarobe, rocking chair, and 7 x 9 rug. See H. W. KOLLMAN.

LA COSTE LEDGERETS

The LaCoste Ledger.

Robert Mechler from the Sauz was a business visitor in LaCoste Friday.

E. J. Keller was a business visitor at Hondo Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bohl and children were visitors in San Antonio Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Bohl were San Antonio visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Hitzfelder were visitors in San Antonio Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jungman and Mrs. Emma Jungman visited in San Antonio Tuesday.

Henry Boehme from Rio Medina was a visitor in LaCoste last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Mangold from Noonan spent last Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mangold here.

Mrs. Mayne Trip of San Antonio visited with relatives in LaCoste Friday.

Joe E. Tschirhart from Castrovilla was in LaCoste on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rihn were visitors in San Antonio Monday of this week.

Mrs. Richard Haby from Spindletop was a business visitor here Monday.

Mrs. Roxie East and Mrs. G. A. Mechler from Lytle were at Hondo on business Monday.

Mrs. Louisa Hitzfelder and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Hitzfelder visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hitzfelder in Devine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hitzfelder of Austin visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hitzfelder and children here over the week-end.

Misses Naomi and Ellen Steidle from Dunlay were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rihn and daughter here over the week-end.

Mrs. Mary Keller from San Antonio is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keller and family here for several days this week.

Oscar Hutzler and daughter, Virginia, of San Antonio visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutzler here Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Elmendorf and children from San Antonio visited with Mrs. Helena Keller here Sunday.

Mrs. W. D. Atkins, Mrs. G. A. Mechler and Miss Hazel Atkins from Lytle were at Castrovilla on business Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Smiley White from San Antonio were visitors at Gilliam Headquarters at Lytle Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Reicherzer, little granddaughter and daughter Miss Florence and Cecil Dodie of San Antonio spent Sunday with Mrs. Josephine Biediger here.

Miss Hortense Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirby of LaCoste, underwent an appendectomy recently in a San Antonio hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Haby from Spindletop were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lutz and family and Miss Florentina Bohl at D'Hanis Sunday.

Shirley Ann, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen T. Huegele from San Antonio, was christened in St. Gerard's Catholic church in San Antonio December 7th, 1940. Sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mechler from Lytle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Huegele, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Huegele, Misses Thelma, Alta and Shirley Ann Huegele and Mary Kubosch from San Antonio visited in the O. W. Huegele home at Rio Medina Sunday.

DEVINE NEWSLETS.

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BIRY

Mr. Ed Bader and son, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bader and August Bader spent Monday in San Antonio. Alvin going to an eye specialist for his eye which had a piece of rust off of wire in it.

Miss Lillye Watson of Natalia spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bilhartz and Mr. Frank Bilhartz of San Antonio spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bilhartz.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Heath and son, Noel, spent Saturday in Devine.

Mr. Randolph Haass left for Alice where he has employment.

Mr. Chas. Mueller of Brackettville came over Sunday for his wife and daughter who had spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bader.

Quite a number of Black Creek and Biry ladies enjoyed an all day quilting at Mrs. Louis Biry's Tuesday. The quilt is to be sent to the Buckner Orphans' Home.

Mrs. Tom Oliver and daughter Ione and Miss Louisa Galloway spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Godden at Valley Wells.

YANCEY

The zone meeting of this Methodist district was held here last week. There was a good attendance from the different churches in this district. Good programs were carried out and business transacted in the usual manner. Lunch was served by the local society at the tabernacle.

Mrs. Reeves Brown of Mathis is spending several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Hill.

Rev. Frazier, a Baptist minister and evangelistic singer, was at the Baptist church Sunday; where he sang several songs which he composed by inspiration, accompanying himself on the guitar. He was with the Moore Baptist church Sunday evening.

Deer hunters are getting more plentiful and are having better luck. Several were seen passing through the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Saathoff and daughter spent the week-end with homefolks here, and carried a deer on the way back to San Antonio.

Mrs. Roland Wilson of Cotulla

HUNTERS ATTENTION

POSTED

My pasture is posted and all hunting and trapping are forbidden under the law. Fifty dollars reward for anyone caught trespassing in any way.

H. G. HAY,

POSTED

The Alex Haby ranch and the Karm estate lands are posted. All hunting or trespassing is forbidden.

C. R. HABY.

POSTED NOTICE

Pastures posted, hunting and trespassing forbidden.

C. L. GRAFF, H. E. GRAFF, A. J. GRAFF, F. A. GRAFF, EMMA GRAFF.

POSTED NOTICE

The Alfred Saathoff pasture is leased and posted against all hunting or trespassing.

ARTHUR SCHULTE.

HUNTERS, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

I have leased my pasture, known as the Adolph Haby pasture on the Francisco, for hunting purposes. All others are warned to keep off.

JOHN G. BOHLEN.

POSTED

My ranch is posted according to law and all trespassers are warned to stay off.

ALVIN W. NEUMAN.

POSTED

My pastures are leased for hunting purposes and all others are hereby notified to keep out.

MRS. LOUIS DECKER.

POSTED

All pastures of the Chas. Martin Estate are posted and all hunting with guns and dogs is forbidden. Anyone caught trespassing will be prosecuted. All former permits are hereby revoked. No trapping.

C. E. MARTIN, F. A. MARTIN, A. H. SPRENGER.

POSTED

Both of my pastures are posted according to law and all hunters are respectfully notified to stay out.

HARM GERDES.

POSTED

My pastures are leased for hunting purposes and all others will please stay out.

BEN DE JOIRNO.

POSTED

All lands owned or controlled by us are posted according to law.

C. A. OEFINGER, ET AL.

POSTED

My lands are leased to hunters; other hunters must stay out.

H. G. BOEHLE.

POSTED

My pastures are posted according to law and all hunters are warned to stay out.

E. J. OEFINGER.

spent several days here last week with the Wilson families.

Miss Lizzie Oefinger of San Antonio visited her mother Sunday.

Miss Lillian Wiemers of Sanderson attended church services here Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Ward and son, Ray, of Freer spent several days on their farm last week.

Mr. W. N. Saathoff of San Antonio was here one day last week, visiting relatives.

Cards were received from Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiemers, who spent last week in Michigan, Ohio, New York and other states. They were accompanied by Mr. Willie Faseler and daughter, Miss Dora Mae.

Mrs. Fritz Bohmfalk and daughter, Helen, Lillian Lindeberg, Edith and James Ward spent Saturday in Hondo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill and daughter, Betsey and Mrs. Reeves Brown of Mathis spent Saturday in Austin.

Mr. J. D. Baker, the bus driver, moved to the Dotson farm, about four miles east of Yancey.

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"THE MAN I MARRIED"—Sunday and Monday, dramatic indictment against Hitlerized Germany by ridiculing the Der Fuehrer and his methods. The cast includes Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer, Lloyd Nolan, Anna Sten, Otto Kruger, Maria Ouspenskaya and Ludwig Stossel.

The film is concerned with an American wife and a German husband trapped in Nazi Germany.

"YOUNG PEOPLE"—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, comedy with music about a little girl used to doing five-a-day shows who has tough going down on the farm. Shirley Temple heads the cast composed of Jack Oakie, Charlotte Greenwood, Arleen Whelan, George Montgomery and Kathleen Howard.

NEW "CRIMSON DAWN" TURKEY FANCY IN FEATHERS AND NAME

Poultry breeders have been using plumage color and pattern to develop new turkey varieties and one of the latest colors in Thanksgiving birds is "Crimson Dawn"—as named by the originator—says S. J. Marsden, poultry specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This new turkey is a variation of the popular Bronze variety and is sometimes called "black-winged Bronze". Both male and female Crimson Dawn turkeys are colored like the Bronze, except that their primary wing feathers are solid black and not barred as with Bronze turkeys. Feathers of the lower neck and shoulders have white or buff penciling and the secondaries have white or buff penciling and the secondaries have conspicuous white tips.

Poultry specialists study plumage color of turkey varieties because as yet little is known about how other characteristics are inherited. The color of the original North American wild turkey was bronze, and from this basic color, breeders of domestic turkeys have developed beautifully colored and strikingly marked varieties such as the present-day Bronze, the Narragansett, the Bourbon Red, and the new Royal Paim, says Marsden.

The Crimson Dawn turkey breeds true to type. Poultry geneticists

say this is due to a gene or genetic factor for non-barred wing feathers. One way in which the "non-barred wing factor" shows up in the Crimson Dawn is in its effect on the down color of the poults. Day-old Crimson Dawn poults are marked like Bronze poults, but the basic color is yellowish white instead of light brown so that the poults might appropriately be called "pale bronze". There are possibilities of producing still more new color varieties of turkeys that will breed true, Marsden believes.

The Jokesmith

Under the spreading chestnut tree

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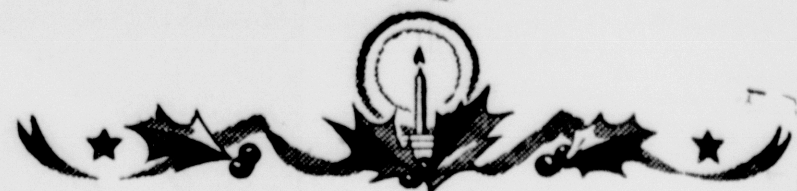
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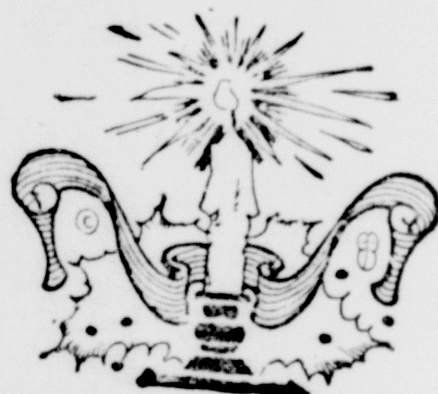
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Banquet Closes Football Season

PEP SQUAD ACTS AS HOSTESSES

From The Owl.

Saturday night the Hondo Pep Squad entertained the football boys with the annual banquet and dance in the Hondo High School and Gymnasium.

As the guests arrived through the auditorium, they entered an attractive reception room which had been arranged in one end of the hall. At six o'clock the guests went into the study hall where tables in the form of a huge "H" were laid for ninety-four people. An owl made of white flowers formed the centerpiece of the main table. Place cards were miniature blue owls containing a program booklet that further carried out the blue and white football theme of the banquet. In the library window a miniature football field complete to goal posts, decorated bleachers, and football players, was successfully formed. The center decorations of the tables were pyramid blue and white tapers with a base of spruce branches and tiny silver bells. Blue and white balloons were strung across the ceiling.

Miss Jonelle Gaines served as toastmistress and directed the following program:

Invocation—Mr. McDowell.
"Jingle Bells"—Group.
Welcome—Jonelle Gaines.
Response—Charles Richter.
Introduction of School Board and Faculty—Mr. Barry.
Spanish Dance—Betty Kramer.
Introduction of 1940 Football Squad—Mr. Bridges.
Piano Solo—Eloise Kollman.
Presentation of 1941 Football Captain—Mr. Bridges.
Presentation of 1941 Pep Squad Leader—Miss Wiese.
"Whispering" and "Waiting in the Shadows"—Sextet.
Medley of Football Songs—Mrs. Sadler.
"For Hondo's Honor and Glory"—Sextet and Group.

The drawing for the autographed football for the seniors of the group was held and Dorothy Renken was the holder of the lucky number.

During the program the following banquet menu was served to members of the Pep Squad, Football Squad and guests:

Game (Menu)
Kickoff (Fruit Cocktail)
Pigskin (Turkey) and Lacings (Dressing)
Penalties (Mashed Potatoes)
Sodded Field (Green Peas)
Huddle (Waldorf Salad)
Safety (Cranberry Sauce)
Field Goal (Hot Buttered Rolls)
Rain (Iced Tea) Mud (Coffee)
Jerseys (Cream and Butter)
First Down (Sugar)
Touchdown (Ice Cream)
Extra Point (Angel Food Cake)
The End (Emilio Caceres and His Orchestra)

From the banquet hall all went to the High School gymnasium where dancing to the music of Emilio Caceres and his orchestra was enjoyed from eight to twelve o'clock.

Hundreds of blue and white balloons festooning the ceiling were the only decorations used in the gymnasium and thus carried out the school colors. Ex-football lettermen were also guests of the Pep Squad at the dance.



Best Wishes

AND COMPLIMENTS

OF THE

SEASON

FROM

John A. Horger

OWLS LETTER FIFTEEN MEN

From The Owl.

This year the Hondo Owls lettered fifteen boys from the team of 1940. These boys earned their letters by hard work during practice and by having a successful season. This year the Owls won eight games, lost one, tied one with Pearsall for the District, but lost it on penetrations. The Owls amassed two hundred and twenty-eight points as against twenty-six for the opposition. Those boys who lettered are as follows:

Charles Richter, a senior, has lettered two years with the Owls. He played center for the District Championship team last year but was moved to a tackle position this year where he captained the team through the season.

James Weynand, a senior, has lettered two years with the team. He played end last year but was shifted to the backfield this season and has done a good job at the blocking back position.

Joe Embrey is a junior and has lettered three years with the Owls. Joe has played all his years in the backfield and has done some fine running and passing for the year. Because of the age limit rule Joe will not get to play next year.

Clinton Hartung, junior, has lettered two years with the Owls. He played end last year and made the All-District team, but was shifted to the backfield where he did some good ball carrying.

Johnny Schuehle, senior, has lettered one year with the Owls. He did a good job at end this year for the team.

H. Finger, junior, has lettered three years with the team. He played his first two years at a guard position and his other year in the backfield. He has done a fine job at both positions. He is one of the co-captains for next year.

C. C. Dawson is a junior and has lettered two years. He has done good work at a guard position, both on the offense and the defense. He is the other co-captain for next year.

Claude Schuehle, who is a junior, lettered his first year this year. He showed his worth by the fine playing he did in some of the season's toughest games. He handled one of the guard spots.

Bennie Mitchell is a junior and has lettered for the first time this year with the Owls. He held down the center position and was a player both on the offense and defense.

Clinton Britsch, junior, lettered for his first time this year. He played end and did some good playing for the Owls.

E. J. Williams is a junior and lettered for his first time this year. He played the other end along with Schuehle. He will make a good player next year by his showing this year.

John H. Graff is a junior and lettered one time with the Owls. He played the other tackle position and did some good playing.

Kenneth Danie is a sophomore and lettered for his first year this year. He played at a guard spot and looked

ed very good.

Stanley Hollmig is a sophomore and lettered for the first time this year with the Owls. He played in the backfield and on an end. He played a good game at both positions and should be one of the mainstays for the Owls next year.

Melvin Wendland is a junior and lettered his first year this year. He played at both tackle and guard position and should be a very good ball player next year.

Of these lettermen five of them will not be in the lineup next year. They are Charles Richter, James Weynand and Johnny Schuehle, who are graduating, and Clinton Hartung and Joe Embrey who will be caught by the age rule. The Owls next year will be made up of ten lettermen plus a good number of boys who saw service on the field but did not letter. Mr. Bridges let some of his substitutes play in order to give them experience, when the Owls had scored sufficiently.

"41" OWLS TO HAVE CO-CAPTAINS

From THE OWL.

At the football banquet Saturday night the co-captains for the nineteen forty-one Owls was announced by the captain of this year. G. H. Finger and C. C. Dawson were selected by the lettermen of this year, although they voted Friday evening the captains were not announced until the banquet according to the custom which is followed each year. G. H. Finger has lettered three years with the Owls and C. C. Dawson has lettered two years. With this experience they should be able to keep calm when time comes for calling the right decision. These boys should lead the Owls all the way to the top next year.

NOTICE

From The Owl.

Supt. Barry announced that school will be closed in observance of Christmas from December 20, the Friday preceding Christmas, until January 6, the Monday following New Year's Day which is on Wednesday. This will give the students and faculty a 16 day "vacation". This will cause school to close on May 23 this year.

Hondo's football schedule will not include Crystal City next year, and it will probably be replaced by a team from San Antonio or some town east of there.

Miss Thelma Lynch is the first member of the faculty to be stricken with the flu.

L. A. CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

From THE OWL.

The members of the L. A. Club met last week for the purpose of electing officers. In spite of the fact that one member was absent the offices were filled as follows: President, Margaret Woolls; Vice President, Dorothy Woolls; Secretary, Dorothy Grell; Reporter, Alma Nester; Parliamentarian, Betty Kramer. Since it was decided that the club

should be run by a strict set of rules, the President chose Rose Marie Finger, Stella Grell, and Frances Bendele to assist her in the writing of the constitution.

The President also appointed Glen-

rose Brucks, Dorothy Ney, and Dorothy Marie Grell to serve on the entertainment committee.

A number of gay festivities are being planned for the Christmas holidays.

Worse

Excerpt from a cinema program! "Patrons who consider the usherettes uncivil should see the manager."

Here's wishing you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bob Cat Grill

ALVIN BRITSCH

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

The Green Tag Store

WHERE SANTA CLAUS SPENDS THE WINTER

CHRISTMAS CHEER

May This Be Your Merriest and Happiest Christmas is Our Wish for You.

Hondo Auto Parts

FRED BARTHLOME

GREETINGS!

Here's to a Christmas of utmost fun and holiday cheer.

ROTHE'S Confectionery

HOMER ROTHE

Spend a joyous Christmas and

remember our good wishes.

Hondo Body & Fender Works

WESLEY and EDDIE BREITEN

SEASON'S GREETINGS

All good things be yours for this

Yule season.

Armstrong Hotel

GRACE ARMSTRONG

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Of all the good things in this world—we wish you the very best!

RICHTER HOTEL

HEARTIEST GREETINGS!

and Best Wishes for a Merry Xmas and Prosperous New Year.

Hondo Beauty Shop

Mrs. Clara Fuos Miss Lola Ryle

YULETIDE GREETINGS

to our Friends

and Customers

Barnes Barber Shop

We Extend

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our Friends in Hondo and

Elsewhere

Medina Hospital

Mrs. Mary Cook
Mrs. Alice Bertriever

YULETIDE JOYS

to all

Customers and Friends

W. J. NESTER

MARKET

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

May your hearts and homes abide in peace and joy.

Laake's Barber Shop

MUELLER and LAAKE

The Light that must not Fail!

This Christmas, on trees and shrubs, on the house itself and on Christmas trees inside the home... in public places all over America, hundreds of millions of tiny, colorful Christmas lights will symbolize the hope we keep, the faith we cherish. Like bright stars, close to earth, they will proclaim our heartfelt wish for peace on earth, good will toward men.

Christmas lighting is an American custom. It has attained a variety and beauty here that has captivated and charmed visitors from other countries. This year it assumes a new significance—for this year it becomes a forceful and expressive way to tell the rest of the world that, in America, Christmas reigns as usual... in America, it is being celebrated with the music of ringing bells and singing voices, amidst the sparkling beauty of colorfully lighted streets and homes.

Abroad there is fear and blackout. In America there is liberty and light. Perhaps our Christmas lighting will help us to express our conviction that we have something to be deeply thankful for, in the privilege of being an American and living in America.

Thus, Christmas lighting now becomes a symbol of the freedom that shines in the heart of every American. That is your warrant for making the lighting of your tree and of your home this year, a ceremony to drive home this truth, that liberty and light dwell together.

This is the light that must not fail.



CHRISTMAS SALUTATIONS

OUR CORDIAL GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF GREAT HAPPINESS. MAY THE YULE SEASON BRING ABUNDANT JOY TO YOU AND YOURS!

Medina Tractor Co.



CHRISTMAS CHEER THROUGHOUT

THE YEAR

Our business dealing with the community has been of the most gratifying nature. Therefore, in this season of gladness, we wish to extend our appreciation.

E. P. Weinberger Co.
"The Store for all Generations"

San Antonio Public Service Co.
South Texas Department

ICAL AND PERSONAL

build
own when
personize its advertisers;
from this paper's advertisers.
point that stays put see the
LUMBER CO.
for all occasions. Order
THE'S CONFECTIONERY.
Definger of Dunlay was a
caller at this office Tues-

Definger, one of our
Star Route readers, paid this
business call Tuesday.
G. Brucks was a caller at this
Monday, renewing for both
Herald and Farming.
John A. Batot was over from
Thursday and while here
printers an appreciated vis-

H. Saathoff and son, Vic-
near Yancey were appre-
calers at this office Wednes-

Balzen of Upper Quihi was
at this office Thursday.
his dates to the paper ahead
year.

Mrs. Herbert Reitzer of
were visitors at this office
and joined our family of
readers.

Charlie Folk was a business
Thursday, renewing the
to the Anvil Herald for
Miss Ida Folk.

TERIES EVEN LESS THAN
EXCHANGE. ALL BAT-
S FULLY GUARANTEED.
SERVICE STATION.

RESHMENTS OF COFFEE
COOKIES WILL BE SERVED
DAY SATURDAY AT THE
LUMBER COMPANY.

and Mrs. Andrew Martin of
were Hondo visitors Wed-
and while here paid the An-
office a pleasant visit.

Hubbard of San An-
ours list of readers this
the subscription for a year
a gift from his mother, Mrs.
Hubbard, of Hondo.

ESSORIES FOR THE CAR
THE HOME—TIRES, TUBES
ERIES, RADIOS AND ELEC-
L APPLIANCES—AT THE
ERN AUTO ASSOCIATE
HONDO.

Henry Reitzer of Yancey was
ess visitor at this office Sat-
taking advantage of our club
renew for his three favorite
the Anvil Herald, Farming
Freie Presse.

ty Attorney and Mrs. Frank
have learned that her father,
Albert Lobitz, retired, of San
has been recalled to active
the U. S. Army and will leave
a post in Kentucky.

and Mrs. Arthur Kramer an-
the engagement and ap-
ing marriage of their daugh-
thryn Dean Day, to Mr. Harry
Schweers of Hondo, the wed-
take place January 1st, 1941.

and Mrs. J. Frank Jungman
ss, Young Frank and Bobby
and Lieutenant Arthur H.
are arriving today from
to spend part of the Christ-
days with their mother, Mrs.
man.

ISTMAS SALE NOW ON—
AND WHEEL GOODS NOW
DISPLAY—BICYCLES, TRI-
ES, WAGONS, SCOOTERS
COME IN AND SELECT
S NOW FOR CHRISTMAS
ERY. WESTERN AUTO
ATE STORE, HONDO.

Nell Foley, County Home
ration Agent, is leaving to-
her home in Greenville to
part of the holidays with her
Mr. and Mrs. John Foley.
is accompanied as far as
Miss Lois Crowley who will
on to her home near Wich-

ual Christmas tree is the one
ay in the daytime in the
of the R. L. Jennings home.
large, 9-year-old citrus tree
with immense balls of real
anges. The golden yellow of
and the dark green leaves
beautiful picture. The Jen-
also have a big tree from
they have taken some fine,
papefruit.

ve 2-PT2 and 2-PT6 Philco
ones in stock. I cannot get
until sometime in January.
want a new Philco for Christ-
will have to buy same this
I will be home all day Sun-
radios can be seen at Heyen's
Shop, REA, or at residence,
AN WEYNAND, Res. Phone
Please leave phone number.

Annual Christmas party of
Antonio Public Service Com-
South Texas Department
ay night, December 19, took
of a dinner dance at Wolf's
San Antonio. Those from
hondo office of the San Antonio
Service Company and their
who attended were Mr. W. F.
Mr. Miss Ina King, Edgar
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dale,
Hueser, Miss Eva Earnest,
Mrs. Fritz J. Leinweber, Le-
w, Miss Lola Ryle, Mr. and
Tommy Garteiser, and C. E.

and Mrs. Aug. J. Leinweber
visitors at this office Friday,
ing for the Anvil Herald and
g. They also renewed the old
paper one year for their son,
of Chapman Ranch, and or-
dered for their son, Pvt. Eddie
Leinweber, of Fort Brown, Texas,
Christmas presents to them. Ed-
die had been employed in San
Antonio, enlisted in the U. S. Army
ago and is a Private in the
Cavalry, which was recently
transferred from Fort Sam Houston
Brown, near Brownsville,

Texas Crop Notes as reported
October 11th were: Prospects in the
early fall and winter vegetable pro-
ducing sections show considerable
variance on October 1. Preparation
of land has been under way for some
time and considerable seeding and
transplanting has been done but with
much more caution than usual. Gen-
erally higher priced seed and the
probable limited quantity of some
varieties has developed a tendency
to give the seed-bed plantings bet-
ter care and hold back on seeded
acres until conditions are favor-
able. Supplies of the usual early
vegetables are expected to be avail-
able about the average time but not
in excessive quantities. Properly
timed planting with fairly favorable
growing conditions, however, may re-
sult in as large supplies on a smaller
acreage, especially in the dry-land
sections. Up to the latter part of
September the weather was too hot
for transplanted crops to hold a good
set and progress of cabbage and
beets was slow. Worm damage ap-
pears to be greater than usual with
some fields of beets completely de-
stroyed. The weather was much cool-
er in all sections the latter part of
September which is expected to re-
duce the insect damage and should
result in show rapid progress. Good
rains were received in the Coastal
Bend area and reached inland to the
San Antonio area. Considerable
planting took place in the Coastal
Bend but growers inland will hold
off until additional moisture is re-
ceived. The Raymondville section,
where a large dry-land acreage was
planted previous to the drought
years of 1938 and 1939, has not been
favored with recent rains but much
of this section now has access to ir-
rigation and vegetables will be plant-
ed where water is accessible. Dry-
land planting will be delayed until
more moisture is received.

Mr. R. R. Corder, manager of the
local Alamo Lumber Company, re-
ports that the response to the formal
opening of their new store building
this week has been most gratifying,
with many patrons and new friends
coming in to inspect the new depart-
ments. High praise has been re-
ceived from all who called and es-
pecial admiration was shown for the
modern furniture made of plywood
by Mr. Alfred Brucks. Each day Mr.
Leon Harper, Cook paint represen-
tative, gave demonstrations of his
product, and attractive premiums
were given each person who regis-
tered. There are still two days left
of the formal opening, with Satur-
day the final big event. On that day
Mr. Ed Saunders, Imperial wall pa-
per representative, will demonstrate
his line, and refreshments of coffee
and cookies will be served all day.
At four o'clock in the afternoon, two
beautiful sets of dishes will be given
away free. The lovely flower ar-
rangements of red and white chrys-
santhemums, white hyacinths and
bluebells in vases and floor baskets
were by Mrs. H. A. Finger, Mrs. Al-
fred Brucks and Mrs. R. R. Corder.

Sheep in Texas continued to do
well during October, and lambs at
shipping time were averaging much
heavier weights than usual. Ship-
ments of sheep and lambs to feeding
areas were heavy during September
and October, but the number remain-
ing to be shipped in November were
smaller than usual. More ewe lambs
were being held back than last year,
but more old ewes have been sold.
Winter range prospects throughout
the sheep area were very favorable
on November 1.

J. E. McDonald, Texas Commis-
sioner of Agriculture, reported that
a survey shows that certified seed
is being used on 125 registered cer-
tified projects covering 140,000 acres
by more than 3,000 individual farm-
ers. Cotton leads the list with 65
projects, including 18 varieties on
105,000 acres.

LET US DRAIN AND REFILL
THE CRANKCASE OF YOUR CAR
WITH 5 QUARTS OF GOOD PENN
100% PURE PENNSYLVANIA
MOTOR OIL FOR 30c DURING
OUR SALE. WESTERN AUTO
ASSOCIATE STORE, HONDO.

GET A NEW WIZARD "66"
BATTERY, FULLY GUARANTEED
FOR ONLY \$2.65 AND OLD BAT-
TERY DURING OUR SALE. WEST-
ERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE.

NOW IN STOCK, 550-17 CHAM-
PION TIRES EXCHANGE \$7.50
AND \$8.50, FULLY GUARAN-
TEED. RATH SERVICE STATION.

AROUND THE YEAR

In the spring when o'er the waking
earth
A fairy from the south
Trips joyfully, with magic wand,
Ripe cherries in her mouth;
When apple blossoms everywhere
Hang out their blush-white
gowns,
And butter cups are jewelling
The green of open downs,
I love you, dear. The thought of
you
A blessing, comes to cling
In the spring.

In the summer when the rich earth
swoons
Beneath the sun's gold fire,
The thought of moon-white evenings
But increases my desire;
When roses rear their haughty heads
To scatter incense wide,
And grain fields stretch their serried
ranks
With rippling golden pride,
I love you, dear, but love has made
Me voiceless as a mummer
In the summer.

In the fall when 'round the drooping
earth
A veil clings, softly kind,
While to the heart there comes an
ache
Whose solace none can find;
When flower petals drip like solemn
Rain on new turned sod,
And only purple asters sway,
Or plummy golden rod,
I love you dear. When days are sad
I love you best of all
In the fall.

In the winter when the earth is
wound
In robes of shadowed white,
And flowers and trees lie dormant
'neath
The Frost King's icy blight;
We sit beside the heart-fire's glow,
The world is shut without,
And only you are there to hear
The thing I fain would shout,
I love you, dear, and rushing words
My year-long silence splinter
In the winter.
—Murray Skinner.

VICTIMS

The ruthless hordes of war are
tramping over
Bright tulip beds with blooms of
every shade.
The mechanized divisions crush the
clover
In meadows where Dutch children
romped and played.
Now guns shoot shells into the port
of Dover,
Where huddled refugees are not
afraid
Of floating-mine nor under-water
rover,
And wantonness of savage bomb
air-raid.
—FLOZARI ROCKWOOD.

The Anvil Herald phone is 127.
Call two rings for office or three
rings for residence.

Best Wish

We extend to our Friends and
Patrons the Season's BEST
WISHES.

Merry Christmas

To our many friends and cus-
tomers, and may we continue
serving you during 1941 as we
have in the past.

CARLE'S
Confectionery
Geo. R. Carle

TRANSPORTATION

Just to view that ancient car
Might give your nerves a jar—
As a thing of swank it fails to give
one thrills:
Its streamlining is defective—
I've employed every invective
O'er its utter lack of stamina on
hills.

It is full of creaks and wheezes,
As the chill air through it breezes—
For comfort it is not a rocking chair
its upholstery out is wearing;
Paint from it is disappearing—
As a work of art it simply isn't there.

Yet, for all its lack of graces,
It quite neatly takes me places,
And brings me back as promptly as
can be.
Then, here's a thought for contem-
plation—
Never king had transportation
In old days like my jalopy gives me.

—ARTHUR WILLIAM BEER.

CONVICTION

No one
Thought so but me
So says I to me says
I: You must do it yourself, and so
I did.
—EDITH ANISFIELD WOLF.

Texas has a total of 22,500 miles
of highway maintained by the State
Highway Department.

Christmas
Greetings

Served up in traditional holiday
style. And a Happy New Year,
too!

Heyen's Coffee
Shop
BILL HEYEN

Merry
Christmas

We Send You Cheer
for All the Year
and Best of
CHRISTMAS WISHES

B. A. Schweers
Distributor of Pearl Beer

Christmas Cheer

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Is our Sincere Wish to Our
Many Friends and Customers.

Preston C. Gaines
SERVICE STATION

UNWASHED BARE-FEET

The wistfulness of summer night,
Its dampish perfume, tang of chill,
Recalls sweet rides by new moon
light
From hayfields miles beyond the hill.
The day's hours past, their tiring
heat,
The weariness of pitching brawn,
And haying hands, and then how
sweet
With nimble legs to climb upon
The high-piled load of new-mown
hay.
To nestle deeply in the drying grass,
And with the bygone, nighted day,
Be content that whimsies pass
To the creaking wagon's singing
drome,
As the patient horses saunter home,

MERRY CHRISTMAS
PEACE ON EARTH

AND

MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING
YOU A FULL MEASURE OF
TRUE HAPPINESS.

W. H. CASE

SEASONS GREETINGS

This message is sent so that you
may know how much we value
your confidence and good will.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Western Auto
Associate Store
H. W. KOLLMAN

BETTER CLEANING
BETTER PRESSING
LOWEST PRICES EVER
V. Horace Crow
Model Cleaners & Men's Wear
PHONE 125
—Free Call For and Delivery Service in Hondo—

WE OFFER YOU THIS WISH:
GOOD LUCK, GOOD FUN, AND
GOOD HEALTH BE YOURS
FROM CHRISTMAS ON.

OASIS CAFE
A. C. CLEMENTS

While I, a Boy Blue without a sheep,
On top of the load go fast asleep.

"Whoa!" The big gate opens wide.
Rousing up I rub my eyes,
Brush off the grass, slip down the
side.
In quiet, now, my safety lies—
Tiptoe I score a quick retreat
And slide into bed with unwashed
feet...

A load of hay still bears me home
In memory at close of day,
And jolts are softened though I roam
Farther, farther and farther away...

How lovely is this peaceful night,
With starry sky to blanket me,
The grass for bed, new moon for
light,
And a lingering, fragrant memory!
—NINA HEMBLING.

Merry Christmas

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND
FRIENDS

With Sincere Gratitude We Pass
on our Wishes for a Prosperous
1941.

Hollmig's Dress
Shop

CHRISTMAS

To Our Many Friends and
Customers We Extend the
Season's Greetings and Wish
You a Prosperous
NEW YEAR!

L. A. MECHLER
M. L. MECHLER

Merry Christmas

Christmas Cheer

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Is our Sincere Wish to Our
Many Friends and Customers.

Preston C. Gaines
SERVICE STATION

HARTFORD



SECURITY SEAL

Insist
ON A HARTFORD
Insurance Policy
O. H. MILLER
EXCLUSIVE AGENCY
Maintains Special Office with
Friendly Service
HONDO
Since 1907

The members of the Friday Club entertained their husbands with a turkey dinner and bridge party last Thursday night in the dining room of the Armstrong Hotel. The long banquet board was laid with a lace cloth with an attractive arrangement of bear-grass, frosty with snow and ice, in the center and twigs of agave, with large gumdrop bases and smaller gumdrops appended on the thorns, extending the length of the table and alternated with branched silver candelabra holding lighted red tapers. Place cards were also combination tally cards and were decorated with handpainted Christmas motifs. Following the dinner, individual gifts, which had been a part of the sparkling Christmas tree, were exchanged, and several games of contract were played. Score holders were Mrs. James R. Duncan and Mr. A. H. Schweers; high, Mrs. F. L. McWilliams and Mrs. Herman Vogel, second high; and Mrs. Bill Martin, low. Those present at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Schweers, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McWilliams, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Taylor, Mrs. E. G. Pope, Mrs. Herman Vogel and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Batot have received word from their son, Milton J. Batot, of Houston, that he was called to Washington, D. C., two weeks ago by the War Department and after eight days of special training was sent to New Orleans, La., where he is now with the office of the Construction Quartermasters in charge of building a large general hospital there. After the work is completed there, in about three months, he will be sent to some other post. As a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, he was called to active duty in the U. S. Army and is now a First Lieutenant. Mrs. Batot and little daughter, Barbara Ann, are remaining at their home in Houston while Lieutenant Batot is in New Orleans. They will have as their guests for Christmas, her mother, Mrs. Sadie Hutzler, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Batot of Hondo.

Mrs. W. H. Smith this week ordered the Anvil Herald sent to her sons, Burleigh and Jimmy, in Anchorage, Alaska, where they are working on the Government air base project. In their spare time the two young men enjoy various pursuits, Burleigh learning the intricacies of radio at the Anchorage radio station and Jimmy ice skating and skiing. Jimmy will also sing Christmas carols over the radio there during the Christmas holidays. They report the temperature ranging in the twenties most of the time so far but with a drop to zero experienced just shortly before their letter was written. However, they claim they do not feel the cold as badly as they do the unexpected changes from hot to cold of Texas weather, as there is little variation in temperature there and they are dressed for the weather.

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Dodge and Mrs. D. H. Fly are leaving Saturday for Jacksonville, Texas, where the other members of the family will join them for Christmas. Rev. and Mrs. Stewart Clement and daughters, Betty Ann and Constance.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiemers and their father, Mr. Willie Fasel, returned last week from Detroit, Michigan, where they went to get their new Dodge car purchased from O. H. Miller. They left Hondo on December 15 and while enroute home drove through ice and snow. One of the interesting points of their trip was a visit to the Fisher plant in Detroit.

Texas A. and M. College closed on Saturday on account of the epidemic there, sending the students home early for the holidays. Nester went to A. and M. Saturday and was accompanied home by his brother Walter Nester. Other Hondo boys who have advantage of the holidays are Albert and Arthur Lacy, John Zerr and J. H. Zerr.

MR. ALFRED FINGER KILLED

The entire community was grieved and shocked last Friday afternoon when the news spread that the lifeless body of Mr. Alfred M. Finger had been found in the Yancey-D'Anis road a few miles below D'Anis. The accident which cost him his life occurred about two o'clock P. M. and he was discovered by passers-by shortly afterward.

When found, the motor of his car was still running. The surrounding circumstances indicate that he had started to D'Anis from his ranch. The car was headed north and had been stopped at a point often frequented by wild game. The presumption is that he stopped to take a shot at a deer or turkey, got out of the car and in attempting to watch the game and lift his gun from the car it was discharged. He was lying on his back, beside the car, his glasses still on, and the gun on the ground where it had dropped from his hand. The bullet from a high-powered rifle had pierced his left breast, ranged downward and made its exit about two inches lower than its point of entrance and a little back of the left side of his body. Death must have been instantaneous.

His body was brought to the Horder funeral home and prepared for burial. Rev. Father C. Garcia, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, conducted a brief and comforting service at the funeral home and afterward presided at the graveside. Interment was made in the D'Anis cemetery at eleven o'clock Sunday morning, December 15, 1940. The pallbearers were: Amos Finger, Herman Fohn, Edward Finger, Martin Zinsmeyer, Raymond Finger and John Finger Jr., all nephews of the deceased. Despite inclement weather and muddy roads, a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives gathered for the funeral rites.

Mr. Finger was born at D'Anis on July 19, 1892, the youngest son of the late Joseph Finger and wife, Mary Enderle Finger. At the time of his death, on December 13, 1940, he had attained the age of 48 years, four months and 23 days. In early life, he was married to Miss Theresa Koch of D'Anis who preceded her husband in death by a number of years, leaving one son, Melvin Finger, now a young man. He recently contracted a second marriage, his second wife being Mrs. Nora Schuchle Bendele of Hondo. He is survived by seven brothers, Joe, Willie, Ed, Henry, John, Charlie and Frank Finger, and two sisters, Mesdames Alfred Zinsmeyer and Nic Fohn.

By occupation, Mr. Finger was a ranchman and owned valuable ranch property a few miles south of D'Anis. But he found time for other interests, and was appointed postmaster of Hondo by the late President Warren G. Harding, in the early 1920's, succeeding the late M. A. Chancey who served under the Woodrow Wilson regime. He was re-appointed by both Coolidge and Hoover, and served for thirteen or

fourteen years, being succeeded in 1935 by the present incumbent, Lawrence Brucks. In his capacity of postmaster, he was accommodating and efficient and made friends of all patrons of the office by his courteous and friendly contacts with them.

We join in extending the sympathies of a host of friends to those who sorrow, and especially the bereaved widow and orphaned son.

REA NEWS ITEM

For the past ten days the Medina Electric Cooperative has been busy energizing lines for the B Project members. The tap that runs north and west of Hondo was energized last Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12. The first section ready in the vicinity of Yancey had the current turned on last Sunday, December 15th, and every day since then there have been more members added to the lines. By Christmas the entire Project is expected to be electrified.

This year electrical gifts won't be limited to friends who live in towns and cities, because REA has made it possible for rural dwellers to have the advantages and convenience of electricity in their homes too.

Cooper's Cattle Dip, testing fluid and tablets. Cutter Blacklegol Vaccine.—Large supply at WINDROW DRUG STORE.



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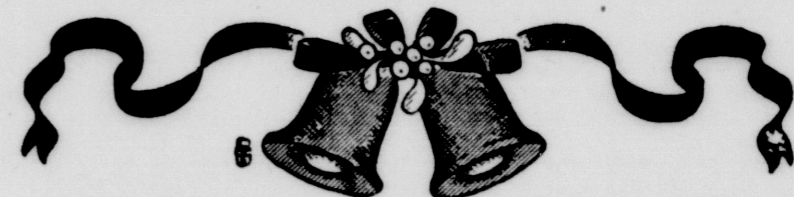
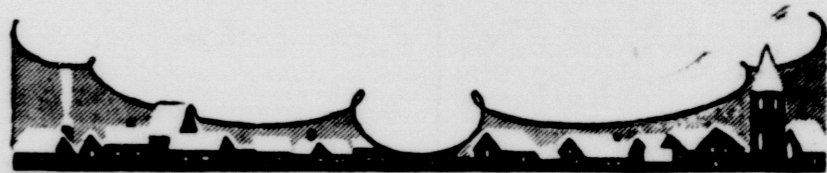
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BANDERA NEWS

The Bandera New Era 73rd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED SUNDAY

Mrs. F. A. Hicks of near Utopia was honored with a surprise birthday dinner Sunday at her home, the occasion being her 73rd birthday anniversary.

A delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings was prepared by her daughters. After dinner was served the crowd assembled in the living room around the old organ and sang a number of old time Gospel songs which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

All of her children were present and all grandchildren but six. The honoree received many useful gifts. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Mrs. Hicks many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Stiegler and daughter, Miss Virgie and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nietenhoefer of Hondo visited Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wiemers Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Rothe and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Rothe of D'Hanis were among those who visited Frontier Times Museum Sunday.

Ernest Hermes of Hondo was a week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mumme of Sanderson. He reported having a grand time and enjoyed the trip very much.

TARPLEY

Mrs. R. R. Pue and Mary Ruth attended the birthday celebration given for Rhea Mansfield at the Lariat Cafe in Bandera Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hohenberger and children attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Henry Bausch at Bandera Thursday.

Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Garrison of Hondo visited Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hicks Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hicks were shopping in San Antonio Thursday. John Tucker of Sabinal visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tucker Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Garrison and daughter, Betty Ann were San Antonio visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Heinen and daughter of Bandera visited her mother, Mrs. O. L. Coughran Sunday.

Mrs. George Geuca and daughter, Edith Faye left Sunday for Corpus Christi where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Slezak and Walter Scheile visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scheile Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mansfield had as their guests over the week-end Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn and Mr. and Mrs. Patty of Dallas.

G. T. Sandidge Jr. of Texas Tech at Lubbock spent the week-end with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Padgett and son, Bob, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pichot at Hondo Sunday.

D. Cobb and family of San Antonio visited his mother, Mrs. Emma Cobb Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gauch and Isabel Snyder of Hondo visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glass Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Saathoff and daughters of San Antonio visited Mrs. R. N. Padgett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meadows and Merle Dean and Marjorie MacNaughton of Bandera spent Saturday night with Mrs. F. A. Hicks and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mansfield entertained a number of their friends Sunday with a barbecue dinner. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. King, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn, Mr. and Mrs. Patty of Dallas, Mrs. Sterling Fisher and children, Betty Flo and Billy, Emmett and Milton Edwards and Evelyn Robinson of Utopia, Joe Cool of Oklahoma, M. R. Sandidge, W. W. Sandidge and Simon Eckstein.

Mrs. John Tyra of Utopia spent Saturday night and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Hattie Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Glass and Mrs. Emma Cobb were shopping in San Antonio Monday.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Jeffers were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ross and sons, Mrs. Ed Ross, Mrs. Will Sheddock and Hubert Jeffers of San Antonio.

Mr. Hohenberger and son, Walter made a business trip to Comfort Monday.

MEDINA LAKE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haley and children of Rio Medina and Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen of Bandera were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Letcher and daughter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Meckel and Wesley Rackley spent Sunday night and Monday hunting at the Louie Zinsmeister ranch.

Mrs. Victor Mazurek and daughter, Freda visited Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mazurek and children the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Seekatz and daughter went to church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mazurek, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mazurek and Mr. and Mrs. Sebastian Tschirhart and children attended the school play at Bandera Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Zinsmeister and daughter, Louise attended the show at Bandera Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Haby and children and Mrs. L. M. Neel made a business trip to San Antonio Saturday.

Adolph Boehme and son, Oscar made a business trip to San Antonio Saturday.

Guests of the Charlie Schott family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schott and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Haby and daughter of Helotes.

Alec Sabo celebrated his birthday with a party Sunday. There were many guests there and all had a great time.

Doile Hinds killed a 9-point buck on the Schott ranch Friday.

Let the Hondo Land Co. sell your land for you.

SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK MARKET

Monday, December 16, 1940

HOGS: Estimated salable and total receipts 900. Market active and fully steady with late last week. Top \$6.25 for good and choice 175 to 250 lb. butchers. Best 140 to 175 lbs. mostly \$5.50 to \$6.25, and 250 to 325 lbs. \$6.00 to \$6.25. Good packing sows mostly \$5.00 to \$5.25. Good feeder pigs mostly \$4.50 to \$5.00.

CATTLE: Estimated salable receipts 400, total 500; CALVES, salable and total 1,600. Trading uneven on very light receipts. Outlet for stocker calves limited and trading on these weak, some sales 25c lower. Most cows and good slaughter calves strong to 25c higher than late last week. Other classes generally active and about steady.

STEERS: Scarce. Good fed yearlings mostly \$8.50 to \$9.00, including 465, 673 and 819 lbs. at \$8.50 and 452, 468, 596 and 606 lbs. at \$9.00. Odd head 910 lb. choice club yearling sold up to \$12.00. Common and medium yearlings sold around \$6.00 to \$8.00. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.25 to \$4.50, good cows \$5.50 to \$6.00. Bulls mostly \$5.00 to \$6.00, good kinds scarce.

Common and medium slaughter calves mostly \$6.50 to \$8.00, good and choice kinds \$8.00 to \$9.00, culls down around \$4.50. Stocker calves mostly \$7.00 to \$9.00, few steer calves to \$9.40, only odd head above, few heifers \$8.25 and \$8.50, mostly \$8.00 down.

SHEEP: Estimated salable and total receipts 300. Market slow and weak. Very little offered. Slow about steady. Few common shorn stocker lambs \$4.50, cull Angora goats \$1.25.

LAW

Who barter honesty of soul
For matter's prize
Shall find no peace in such a goal;
The stricken eyes
Of captive men and trusting fools
Shall soon betray
His Judas heart. The Golden Rule
Still holds today!

—CECILE BONHAM.

Avoid useless talk. Some conversation isn't worth a nickel—except to the phone company.—Commerce Gusher.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

The Medina Light

Prof. W. N. Saathoff, of Castroville, spent Tuesday night in Bandera with his nephew, Benj. G. Wiemers and family. Prof. Saathoff is one of the outstanding school men in Southwest Texas.

MIDDLE VERDE

Our community was saddened Wednesday, December 4, by the death of Mr. Charles Moore. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones. Mr. Moore will be missed in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gerdes and son, Lester, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McMains and daughter, Jo Nell, for several days last week.

Mr. Haute of San Antonio hunted at the Ben Gerdes ranch Sunday and killed a fine gobbler.

Mr. Chas. Britsch was a Bandera visitor Saturday.

The Sabinal Sentinel

Mrs. I. C. Honegger, of Houston arrived Thursday afternoon for a brief visit with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Davenport and other relatives. She returned to San Antonio today where she joined Mr. Honegger to return to their home.

Zavala County Sentinel

Mrs. Emma Stone and her guest, Mrs. Marguerite Murrill of Hondo, Mrs. M. L. Harkey and Jeanette Stone visited Piedras Negras Saturday afternoon.

Karnes County News

Mr. and Mrs. Grube of Hondo attended services at the Lutheran Church in Runge last Sunday morning following which they visited with Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schawe at Nordheim. Mrs. Grube is a sister of Rev. Schawe.

The La Pryor New Era

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Couser of D'Hanis were week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Couser.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Tondre and family spent Wednesday in San Antonio.

Mrs. Herbert Keller and children were in Uvalde Wednesday.

PEARSALL DUMPS ALICE FOR REGION GRID CROWN

PEARSALL, Dec. 13.—Friday the 13th may be unlucky somewhere but it will be long remembered in Pearsall as the night of the big wind. The Pearsall high school Mavericks stormed over the Alice Coyotes here tonight before a record crowd and when the big blow was over the Mavericks tucked the region football championship in the bag and the town started to celebrate.

The Mavericks won, 6 to 0, with a first period dash that was stopped only momentarily by the Coyotes. The Mavericks went down once and knocked at the door of the goal line, but were stopped. Alice kicked out and again Pearsall started to march, this time ending in the coveted end zone for a score, with Rip Adams going over the last long yards from inside the 10-yard line.

Three times Pearsall penetrated the Alice 20-yard line in the first half and twice more in the second period, but no more score resulted. The Coyotes threatened once in the fourth period, but were halted by a stubborn defense about the 10-yard line. That was the only Alice penetration.

Coaches Frank Ish and Walton White of Pearsall were toasts of the town tonight, as Pearsall rang up its first region championship in history. This is the second time in the last three years they have won the district championship, but was the first time the Mavericks have gone all the way.

TO A COYOTE

Lone spirit of the infinite plain,
Whose heart o'erflows in wild complaint,

A mournful ode to the desert moon,
Of thirst and heat, of cold and pain,
And the infinite loneliness of the plain.

Alone! Alone! Alone! Alone!
An echo answers, far and faint,
Repeating all the mournful tune.

Alone! Alone! Alone!
—R. P. LITTLE.

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BE CAREFUL, DON'T LET FIRE MAR YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON

(By Fire Prevention Division, Texas Fire Insurance Department, Austin, Texas, Nov., 1940.)

As we approach another holiday season we are faced with the stern realization that we have much for which we should give thanks, and may we as individuals enter into this season with renewed hope and good cheer for an early peace throughout the world.

Let us, among other things, give thanks to all of those who have worked so diligently this year in the prevention of fires and give them our encouragement by a willing spirit of cooperation in a continuation of this splendid public service, but lest we forget, the observance of Christmas is fraught with danger to life and property because of many special fire hazards that come into use at that time. A careless act, or the use of an unsafe article, might blight the day, replacing joy with grief.

Some of the facts pertaining to special fire hazards that everyone should acquaint himself with during the holiday season are as follows:

"That the Christmas tree can be kept looking fresh and saved from drying out if you set it up in a pan of water. Chemists have suggested that its combustibility can be reduced still further by allowing it to absorb a solution of ammonium sulphate before it is set up. A package of the chemical, one-quarter the weight of the tree, dissolved in 1 1/2 pints of water per pound is the recommended treatment. Put the solution in a bottle or jar with a neck just big enough to hold the tree, saw off the bottom of the trunk at an angle, and let it stand in the bottle until the chemical is completely absorbed.

"That the Christmas tree should be well secured against falling, and it should be placed well away from stoves, the fireplace and other sources of heat.

"That it is important that your set of Christmas tree lights be in good condition. Sets bearing the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. have been tested for fire hazard and pronounced safe by experts.

"That pennies or wire should never be used in replacing blown-out electric fuses. The fuse is the safety valve on your wiring system to protect you against fire.

"That toy electric trains, motors

and other appliances should not be attached to light sockets until in order.

"Use only non-combustible materials for Christmas tree decorations and remember that clothing and Christmas tree decorations may be made fire resisting by dipping them in a 10 per cent solution of ammonium sulphate.

"That the cotton beard of a Santa Claus catches fire with serious results.

"That the Yuletide custom of placing a lighted candle on the Christmas tree, or in the window near curtains has cast many a cloud of gloom.

"That small children should never be permitted to handle fireworks.

"That, before and after Christmas, wrappings from packages should not be allowed to accumulate in the home.

"That all wood and gas stoves and fireplaces should be protected with screen guards to prevent clothing, children and older people from catching afire. Also, remember to ventilate your home with fresh air.

YANCEY BOY MAKING GOOD

SEGUIN, Dec. 13.—The Bulldogs of Texas Lutheran College of Seguin are being prepared for the 1940 season of tough Texas Junior College Conference competition by Coach George Kieffer.

Alvin Melton, Yancey boy, is working hard for a first string basketball position. Melton has a good eye for the basket and should see much action this year for the gold and black of Texas Lutheran. He has height, a thing which is noticeably lacking this year on the Bulldogs' squad.

Melton saw action against Randolph Field as the Bulldogs dropped a close 40 to 37 thriller Monday night.

Chinese Philosophy

You want credit;
Me no give.
You get sore.
You want credit;
Me give.
You no pay;
Me get sore.
—Better you get sore.
—Ohio Farm Bureau News.



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HONDO, TEXAS, DEC. 20, 1940

Washington Snapshots

by JAMES PRESTON

The opinions here expressed are
Preston's own and not neces-
sarily those of this paper.—M. E.

Few people may know it, but elev-
en not-so-humble Congressmen meet-
ing behind closed doors in Washing-
ton were responsible for settlement
of the Vultee airplane strike 2,500
miles away.

It's an interesting story which dis-
misses what Congress can do for de-
fense while it remains in session
even though it isn't passing a bill
any day.

This is the story:

As the Vultee strike dragged on,
a band of eleven members of the
House Judiciary Committee go-
ing to and more perturbed at the in-
ference with national defense.
Finally, they decided that if the
strike was not settled promptly they
would submit to the House a brief
resolution.

The first paragraph would have
imposed strikes or lockouts in in-
dustries found by the War or Navy
Departments or National Defense
Advisory Commission to be essen-
tial for national defense. The sec-
ond would have levied stiff prison
terms and fine penalties on those re-
sponsible.

Information as to these plans was
leaked to administration officials,
who promptly informed Federal
judicial officers on the scene in Califor-
nia. These conciliators in turn told
the leaders. A Presidential com-
mission to discuss the matter was
held. And within eight hours af-
ter the eleven Judiciary Committee-
men reached their decision, the
strike was settled.

Consequently, when the Presiden-
tial conference assembled, and when
the Judiciary Committee met the fol-
lowing day, the strike was over.

These eleven legislators are going
to remain on guard. Unless agitators
exercise discretion in calling strikes in
national defense plants, the proposed
solution can still be passed. And
privilege of striking will be tak-
ing away not only from the agitators
but from all other workers in na-
tional defense plants as well.

—WSS—

Back of the decision not to make
constructive increases in the new
tax which will be forthcoming af-
ter January 4 was a recognition of
the important facts, the biggest be-
hind that the emergency definitely
is creating any "war millionaires".

Latest figures available to the com-
mittee who decided against retro-
spective taxes showed these facts:
Twenty leading industrial corpora-
tions earned \$89,000,000 more in
the first nine months of this year
than last year. But at the same time
they had to set aside \$64,000,000 to
pay additional taxes. Thus the
federal government is getting 72
cents out of every \$1 of additional
tax.

This should show pretty definitely
that industry is bearing its share of
the tax burden as well as producing

LIST OF REGISTRANTS

Note: To save space postoffices
are often abbreviated.
(Continued from last week)

1440 John Willie Stroud, Devine
1441 Desiderio Reyes, Lytle
1442 James C. Finger, D'Hanis
1443 Ferdinand G. Carle, Mico
1444 Francisco Rodriguez, D'Hanis
1445 Jose Varela, D'Hanis
1446 Oscar William Nester, D'Hanis
1447 Richard Jacob Stein, Castro.
1448 Juan Hernandez, D'Hanis
1449 Porfirio Hernandez, Castro.
1450 Boyd Holland Patterson, Dev.
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1452 Paul Louis Brieden, Devine
1453 George Bela, Hondo
1454 Raymond Herman Giesick,
Hondo
1455 Gregorio Salinas Pruneda
Hondo
1456 Aaron Charley Bendele, Hondo
1457 Richard Ambrose Haby, LaC.
1458 Victor Gilbert Karm, Castro.
1459 Victoriano Galan Rias, Hondo
1460 Teresa Basquez, Lytle
1461 Roy Henry Dailey, Dunlay
1462 Jesus Martinez, LaCoste
1463 Stanley John Saathoff, Hondo
1464 Willie Roy Schuehle, Dunlay
1465 Martin Baron, Hondo
1466 Abilino De Leon Gauna, Yan.
1467 Duard Carlton Littleton, Dev.
1468 Pablo Sepulva, Devine
1469 David Garcia, Castroville
1470 Gustavo Perez, Hondo
1471 Clark Allen Bohl, Castroville
1472 Jose Maria Ruiz, Hondo
1473 Sammie Pape, Castroville
1474 Melvin Marvin Buekle, Castro.
1475 Manuel Lambrana, Castroville
1476 Elmer Adolph Nietenhoefer,
Hondo
1477 Jose Cuellar, Hondo
1478 Stanley Louis Mummie, Hondo
1479 Margarito Gonzales, Hondo
1480 Juan Mendoza, Hondo
1481 Curtis Jefferson Robertson,
Devine
1482 Ramon Barrientes, Hondo
1483 Zeferino D. Preciado, Hondo
1484 Juan Contreras, Pearson, Tex.
1485 Frank Elam (col.), Hondo
1486 Vicente Ybarra, Hondo
1487 John Thomas Pennington, Hon.
1488 Frank Raymond Lutz, Hondo
1489 Robert James Zerr Jr., Hondo
1490 Valente Del Toro, D'Hanis
1491 Antonio Medina, D'Hanis
1492 Federico Ontiveros, D'Hanis
1493 Crespin Gomas, D'Hanis
1494 Leonard Joseph Koch, D'Hanis
1495 Pedro Capillo, Hondo
1496 Santiago Rodriguez, D'Hanis
1497 Manuel Valdivia, Hondo
1498 Albino Lopez, D'Hanis
1499 Melchor Gallegos, D'Hanis
1500 Emilio Garcia, D'Hanis
1501 Domingo Lara, D'Hanis
1502 Santos Fernandez, D'Hanis
1503 Gerhart O. Braden, D'Hanis
1504 Richard Herman Couser, D'H.
1505 Jose Maria Medina, D'Hanis
1506 Ernest Charles Morgenstern
Hondo
1507 Encarnacion Trinidad, Devine
1508 Pedro Campos, Hondo
1509 Pasquel Gonzales, Hondo
1510 Anastacio Villa, Hondo
1511 Eduardo Contreras, Hondo
1512 Elisandro Rodriguez, Hondo
1513 Cirilo Fuentes, Castroville
1514 Elmo Reaves (col.), Hondo
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1516 Milton Alfred Leinweber, Hon.
1517 Lorenzo O. Morin, Hondo
1518 Melecio Garcia, Hondo

the goods for defense. This burden
is being felt in both large and small
establishments. Even a small bar-
bershop bore its share.

The barbershop was used as a
registration office for selective ser-
vice. During the registration, a hair
clipper, half a dozen razors and a
quart of bay rum disappeared. The
barber sought reimbursement, but
the Government told him he would
have to consider those things his ad-
ditional contribution to national de-
fense.

—WSS—

The Treasury has just issued new
figures showing where the tax mon-
ey comes from. It takes two years
to compute such figures, so these ap-
ply to 1938 when business was much
worse than it is this year.

In 1938, only 2,943,188 individu-
als out of the 125,000,000 in the
country paid income taxes amount-
ing to \$724,622,216. At the same
time, while 301,146 corporations ac-
tually lost money, the remaining
169,885 paid total taxes of \$859,-
565,749.

1519 Guadalupe Garcia, Hondo
1520 Bentura Obregon Rodriguez,
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1521 Nick Garrison Riff, Hondo
1522 Antonio Saucedo, Hondo
1523 Robert Davis, Hondo
1524 Tito Gonzales Trinidad, Hondo
1525 Jose Rocha, Hondo
1526 Encarnacion Orlanday, Hondo
1527 Sam John Koehler, Hondo
1528 Woodrow Wilson Chapman,
Hondo
1529 John Pampa, Devine
1530 Casper Henry Rohrbach, Hon.
1531 Ernest Martin Koehler, Hondo
1532 James Benjamin Crow, Hondo
1533 Manuel Ubano Sanchez, Natal.
1534 Olen John Koch, Hondo
1535 Adolph William Ahr, LaCoste
1536 Oscar William Bendele, Dunlay
1537 Aubrey Ballard McCarley, Dev.
1538 Charles Sidney Rogers, Devine
1539 Fidencio Esquivel, LaCoste
1540 Francisco Hinojosa, LaCoste
1541 Arnold Adolph Nietenhoefer,
Hondo
1542 Edgar Lenwood Sollock, Dev.
1543 Arnold Ambrose Reitzer, Dun.
1544 Donato Parez, Devine
1545 Marcos Gallegos, Natalia
1546 John Alvin Mummie, Hondo
1547 Glenn Cecil Garmand, Castro.
1548 Leroy William Shuptrine, Dev.
1549 Lloyd D. Bounds, Utopia
1550 Willie Booth, Devine
1551 Arnold Stevens Griffin, Dev.
1552 Murrell Gibson Stiegler, Hondo
1553 William Thomas Dubose, Dev.
1554 Juan Z. Guajardo, Devine
1555 Marcos Flores, Devine
1556 Marvin Odell Fox, Devine
1557 James Dalton Starr, Devine
1558 Juan De La Bosa, Devine
1559 Raymond Andrew Brown, Dev.
1560 Espiridion Martinez, Devine
1561 Julius Christoff Fell, Devine
1562 Agustin Ribas, Devine
1563 Rafael Maldonado, Natalia
1564 Francisco Martin, Natalia
1565 Alfredo Ytuarte, Hondo
1566 Jesus Vasquez, Hondo
1567 Jesus Campos, Hondo
1568 Jesus Martinez Garcia, Hondo
1569 Eulintin Galindo, Hondo
1570 Manuel Sandoval, Hondo
1571 Bradley Bailey, Hondo
1572 William Byron Ward, Yancey
1573 Domingo Martinez Cadena
LaCoste
1574 Miguel Aguilar, Hondo
1575 Harvey Andrew Shirley, Cas-
troville
1576 Benselado Martinez, Hondo
1577 Cecelio Lyra, Devine
1578 Glenn Clone Crocker, Natalia
1579 Crispin Morin, D'Hanis
1580 Gabino Lara, Hondo
1581 Floyd Loema Banks, Devine
1582 Cruz A. Maldonado, Lytle
1583 Jose Cortez, Lytle
1584 Victoriana Garcia Lytle
1585 Gregorio C. Cortez, Lytle
1586 Pedro Ramirez, Hondo
1587 Jesus Cabara Villa, Hondo
1588 James Floyd Johnson, Devine
1589 Isidro Guerra, D'Hanis
1590 Ascension Moreno, Natalia
1591 Garland Uthal Walser, Devine
1592 Francisco Frousto, Yancey
1593 Jesus Gomez, Yancey
1594 Victor Martinez, Castroville
1595 Tanasalva Gomes, Yancey
1596 Iris Oscar Foster, Devine
1597 Beauford Winfred Miller, Dev.
1598 Luciano Pena, Natalia
1599 Frederick Edwin Bowman,
Devine
1600 Roy Arthur Beatty, Devine
1601 Chester Frank Collins, Hondo
1602 Martin O'Connor Noonan
Hondo
1603 Green Berry Thompson, Dev
1604 Jacinto Samaniego Riojas
Devine
1605 Pedro Samaniego Riojas, Dev.
1606 Hearthel Jessie Whitley, Dev.
1607 Hartford Shoemaker, Devine
1608 Cruz Lopez Martinez, Natalia
1609 Jesus Campos, Hondo
1610 Francisco Hernandez, Hondo
1611 Theodore Roosevelt Dawson,
Hondo
1612 Pedro Gonzales, Devine
1613 Mack Sanchez, Devine
1614 Arcadio Ramirez, Devine
1615 Enrique Rodriguez, Devine
1616 Nuel Edward Windrow, Hondo
1617 Thomas Robert Holloway,
Hondo
1618 George Oliver Moore, D'Hanis
1619 Enrique De Leon, Hondo
1620 Estanislado Torres, Hondo
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1622 Enrique Crus, Devine
1623 Elias Taylor Peters, Devine
1624 Paul J. Hardcastle, Devine
1625 Lee Floyd Dannis, Devine
1626 William Woodrow Bain, Dev.
1627 Ernest H. Hollub, Hondo
1628 Harry Arthur Reitzer, D'Hanis
1629 John Arthur Northcutt, Cas-
troville
1630 Raymond Alex Stone, Castro.
1631 Juan Gutierrez Garza, Devine
1632 Francisco Constante, Hondo
1633 Carl Allen Renaud, Natalia
1634 Juan Manuel Brisenio, Natalia
1635 Jose Alvarado, Natalia
1636 Louis Perez, Natalia
1637 James Kercheville Couser,
Devine
1638 Braulio Medina Duron, LaC.
1639 Juan Perez, Natalia
1640 Geronimo Navarro, Natalia
1641 Trinidad Torrez Covarrubia,
Devine
1642 Dionicio Garza Suniga, LaC.
1643 Antonio Ramirez, Hondo
1644 Jesus M. Salazar, Hondo
1645 Brijido Salazar, Hondo
1646 Salome Morales Pedroza, Yan.
1647 Felix Hernandez, Hondo
1648 John Russell Crouch, Hondo
1649 Bentura De Lion, Devine
1650 Santos Gonzales, Devine
1651 Paulo Moreno, Castroville
1652 George Reyes Herrera, Natalia
1653 William Edward Blocker, Hon.
1654 Christopher Montalbo, Devine
1655 Charles Russell Schmidt, Hon.
1656 Gus Gutierrez, Natalia
1657 Cleofas Nino Castro, Natalia
1658 Gerardo Nino, Natalia
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1672 Julian Garcia, Hondo
1673 Lazaro Ramirez, Hondo
1674 Laurencio Sandoval, Hondo
1675 Claude Kennedy, Devine
1676 Carlos Chavera Barrios, Hondo
1677 Felipe Sandoval, Hondo
1678 Eugenio S. Reyes, Hondo
1679 Barney Willard Lusk, Devine
1680 Walter Carl Nester, Hondo
1681 Raynaldo Navarro, Devine
1682 Domingo Campos, Devine
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ISABELL KARM, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

News and advertising copy for this column for the week's issue should be submitted to Miss Karm or mailed direct to us at Hondo not later than Tuesday night of each week. Miss Karm is authorized to collect and receipt for Lay business for this paper.

CASTROVILLE, TEXAS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1940

CHRISTMAS DANCE at Wernette Garden, Castroville, Wednesday, Dec. 25th. Music by Joe Hartman. Admission: Gents 35c; Ladies 15c. Everybody Welcome.

Mrs. Emil Zimmermann, who has been confined to her bed for the past six months, is seriously ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Krish of San Antonio were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Bader and son, Clyde.

Mrs. Ray Taylor, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Applewhite, returned to her home in Hondo Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Keller of Rio Medina are the proud parents of a 7-

pound, 10-ounce baby boy, named Carroll Thomas, born Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Castroville Hospital. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haby of Rio Medina and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Keller.

Joe A. Bader is serving as grandjuror this week in the U. S. District Court in San Antonio in Judge R. J. McMillan's court.

C. Y. O. MEETING

Wednesday night, Dec. 11, the Castroville C. Y. O. met in regular session at St. Louis Hall. Rev. Dean J. Lenzen opened the meeting with prayer.

In the business session the C. Y. O. constitution was read and adopted. Aelred Tondre was appointed flag-bearer for the organization.

Several games of pitch were played and awards given to the winners.

The Christmas theme was featured in the table appointments. Delicious sandwiches, potato chips, cookies and coffee were served by Misses Agnes Haby, Naomi and Ellyn Steinle and Messrs. Carl Steinle, Thomas Frey, Albert Weynand, and Lawrence and E. J. Haby.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, at eight o'clock.

—Reporter.

ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1940

9:00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes. John Reus, Supt.

10:00 A. M. German Advent service.

8:00 P. M. Sunday School Christmas Program.

We kindly extend you and yours a most cordial invitation to help, together by your prayers and presence.

Christmas, December 25th

10:00 A. M. German Christmas service and holy communion.

To remind you that in your preparation for Christmas, do not neglect the preparation of your heart. We need to keep Christ in Christmas, if we are prepared in heart, we will go a long way in getting ready for Christmas and New Year by attending the remaining services.

Dec. 27—Friday night at 8 o'clock

A Christmas Party by the Castroville Luther League.

Sunday, Dec. 29th

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holy communion.

Mr. Paul Geiger of Dubuque, Iowa, will preach the sermon. Please attend.

The Pastor sincerely wishes one and all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The Church with a welcome.
A. H. FALKENBERG,
Pastor.

CASTROVILLE FOOTBALLERS TRAVEL 1765 MILES IN 1940 SEASON

Castroville, Texas, Dec. 17.—If it educates one to travel and see new things, people, and places, then the Castroville Public School Comets six-man football machine should get a diploma free gratis. Calculating the approximate mileage rumbling along in a truck or touring car over a wide variety of country and climate in this Central Texas area runs in the neighborhood of 1,765 miles of travel for the Comets.

The powerful, but at times a bit inconsistent, footballers saw lots in their past 1940 season of wins as well as defeats. The traveling helped but seeing the new school systems and learning real sportsmanship in the first hand manner from a cosmopolitan group of practically foreign players should make them ready to face odds other boys would wilt under stress of. Adapting themselves to check new offenses and defenses on the field will always benefit them—even if it will later be war. Other teams had "scouts" to get the plays and set-ups for the Coach, but not the Castrovillians—they had to find out for themselves. Every game was anybody's game until the last whistle blew. All the boys regretted to see football season close.

Here is the season's summary of the scores: Hallettsville 43, Castroville 19; Camp Wood 12, Castroville 18; Yancey 25, Castroville 13; Poth 18, Castroville 12; LaCoste 6, Castroville 14; Weimar 19, Castroville 12; D'Hanis 39, Castroville 14; Nordheim 15, Castroville 34; Prairie Lea 19, Castroville 16; Orange Grove 24, Castroville 12. Totals: visitors 230 points; Castroville, 164 points.

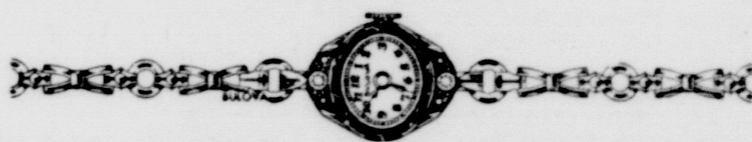
All expenses for traveling, eating, and what little of hospitalization was worked out all right financially. There were few injuries, lots of good wholesome fun, and people of other towns where this team played will from now on, remember to book the Castroville team as a topnotch group of hearty, hard-playing sports. The 1941 schedule should be easily filled out.

CASTROVILLE LOSES FIRST TWO GAMES IN BASKET BALL

The Castroville High Comets donned their basketball suits and set aside their football trappings last Tuesday night, Dec. 10, to play the Big Foot High School Cat Hounds at Castroville a basketball game that ended in a 28-11 score for the Cat Hounds. Then, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, the Comets took on the LaCoste High School Eagles at the LaCoste lighted court and lost 15-13. This was an unusually tight game and makes the first loss of a conference game for the Comets. Keller of LaCoste did well in final rally.

GREETINGS

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D'Hanis Doings

A round-up of Local, Personal and Business Items gathered weekly by our regular Correspondent

Miss Josie Rothe

to whom all items intended for this column should be handed not later than Wednesday noon of each week. Miss Rothe is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper.

D'HANIS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carle Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Reily Carle, and Mr. J. B. Nester spent Sunday of last week in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Glasscock and son have gone to Corpus Christi to spend the holidays with relatives. Miss Katherine Weynand has returned home after a week's visit with Mrs. E. J. Lamm of San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Finger and daughters of Skidmore, and Miss Verine Finger of San Antonio spent Sunday in the home of Mr. L. J. Finger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reily and baby daughter have gone to Glenflora where they will be guests of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. N. C. Ney of Eagle Lake and Mr. Ervin Koch of Houston were here Sunday for the funeral of the late Alfred Finger.

Oliver Reinhart Jr. arrived home last week from A. and M. College, and will spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Reinhart.

Ferd Louis Rothe of St. Mary's University and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Albrecht and daughter, Mary Lou, of San Antonio spent Sunday in the home of Judge and Mrs. A. H. Rothe.

NATIVE OF D'HANIS BURIED HERE SUNDAY

This community was shocked upon hearing the news of the death of Alfred M. Finger on Friday, December 13. He was a native and former citizen of D'Hanis, and still spent much of his time at his ranch near here. The body was brought from Hondo to be buried here last Sunday. It is impossible to mention all the out-of-town friends and relatives who were present to pay their last respects to the one they mourned.

A complete sketch of his life will be found elsewhere in this paper.

MRS. LOUISA NEHR PASSES

Mrs. Louisa Nehr, 76, died in her home near D'Hanis on Sunday, December 15, 1940, at about 11 o'clock in the morning. Although she had been ill for several months, her death came quite unexpectedly.

The remains were in the Horgan funeral home at Hondo until Tuesday morning, December 17, at 9 o'clock, when they were brought to Holy Cross Catholic Church here for the High Mass of Requiem sung by her pastor, Rev. Eugene Zuber. He also preached an impressive sermon and officiated at the burial, which took place in the local Catholic cemetery in the presence of many sorrowing relatives and friends. Pall-

bearers were John Nester, Ben Kue, Nic Fohn, John Rieber, Oscar Tiedre, and Ben Zerr.

Mrs. Nehr was a member of one of the first families of D'Hanis. She was born Louisa Rudinger on May 1864, at Old D'Hanis, and her entire life was spent in this community. She was married to Charles Nehr in January, 1885, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church, San Antonio. The union was blessed with eleven children, eight of whom survive.

She was one of D'Hanis' "Mothers," her son Louis having died while in service during the World War. She was preceded in death by her husband and two daughters, Ida (Mrs. August Koch), and Harry who died in early childhood.

Survivors are four daughters, Mrs. R. Zerr, and Mrs. W. Williams of San Antonio, Mrs. J. J. McGee and Mrs. Wilfred Zerr of D'Hanis; four sons, Joe, Emil, Henry, and A. Nehr of D'Hanis; two sisters, Emil Boebat and Mrs. Regina Ping not of Del Rio; one brother, Louis Rudinger of D'Hanis; grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

MR. EPHRAIM COMPLIMENTS FOOTBALL BOYS

Coach J. H. Corner and members of the D'Hanis Cowboys six-man football squad were honored with turkey dinner at Birly's Cafe Thursday of last week with Mr. J. Ephraim as host. Turkey, chicken and trimmings were served. Speeches were made by Mr. Ephraim and several guests. Others present were Superintendent Couser, Mr. W. Benner, and Mr. M. E. Keith.

DISTRICT 2 CHAMPS RECEIVE AWARDS AT BANQUET

The third annual football banquet honoring the D'Hanis Cowboys 1940, six-man football champions District 2, was held in the H. School Auditorium on Tuesday evening, December 17. More than a hundred guests were present.

Superintendent Couser, toastmaster, gave the welcome address, which Joe Henry Birly responded. The program continued with popular songs rendered by the Pep Squad. Captain Robert Love gave a review of the games played by the Cowboys during this, their most successful season, when they scored 277 points against their opponents' 83. A group of Cowboy Ballads was sung by the Senior girls, followed by a medley of football airs played on the violin by Mr. Couser.

Mr. J. P. Ephraim, manager of the D'Hanis Chamber of Commerce, the speaker of the evening. His address emphasized the advantages of football as a sport and as a supplement to education of a literary nature. He complimented the boys well as the pep squad, and expressed the pride of his fellow-townsmen in their team.

Coach J. H. Corner made the presentation of awards, which were jackets of purple jockey silk and gold gabardine, with the D in gold. The lettermen were Joe Henry Birly, Thomas Victor Boog, Lawrence Huser, James Love, Captain Robert Love, Elmer Keller, James Wall, and Jimmie Zinsmeyer. Superintendent Couser made the presentation of the sweater to Mr. Corner.

The banquet closed with the singing of the school loyalty song, "You, D'Hanis", followed by "Eyes of Texas".

Purple and gold menu and place cards made colorful table decorations. They were made by the committee in charge, Mrs. Couser and Miss Langfeld, assisted by the Pep Squad.

The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, chili, tamales, beans, rice, chilaquitas, pecan pie, and coffee.

The members of the Pep Squad and their sponsor, Miss Rothe, were banquet guests, as were the business managers of the team. Three lettermen of former years were introduced during the evening: Oliver Reinhart Jr., Charles Sasthoff, and Marvin Bendele. Mr. Corner announced the election of the co-captains 1941: James Wolff and Lawrence Huser.

